

Claims

- [c1] 1.A personal portal in a data communications network that comprises network entities, the personal portal being associated with a user and comprising:
- a user profile; and
 - at least one context profile.
- [c2] 2.The personal portal of claim 1, wherein the user profile comprises a private part that is accessible only to the user.
- [c3] 3.The personal portal of claim 1, wherein the user profile comprises a public part that is accessible by at least one other network entity.
- [c4] 4.The personal portal of claim 1, wherein the at least one context profile comprises personal information associated with the user.
- [c5] 5.The personal portal of claim 1, wherein the at least one context profile comprises personal settings.
- [c6] 6.The personal portal of claim 5, wherein the personal settings comprise information on how information is to be sent.
- [c7] 7.The personal portal of claim 5, wherein the personal settings comprise information on how information is to be displayed.
- [c8] 8.The personal portal of claim 1, wherein the at least one context profile comprises access policies associated with the user.
- [c9] 9.The personal portal of claim 1, wherein the data communications network further comprises at least one site, and each context profile is related to a site.
- [c10] 10.The personal portal of claim 9, wherein the context profile is stored within the site.
- [c11] 11.The personal portal of claim 9, wherein the site comprises an access network and the context profile is available only within that access network.
- [c12] 12.A method for updating profiles in a data communications network comprising a number of entities, among them a profile storage that stores

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- [c13] 13.The method for updating profiles of claim 12 further comprising the steps of:

- [c14] 14.A system for updating profiles in a data communications network comprising an entity that has updated a profile, the system comprising:

- [c15]
15. The system for updating profiles of claim 14, the system further comprising an entity that has gone on-line that:

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- receives the request; and
- sends to the entity that has gone on-line the requested profiles.

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16.A profile storage in a data communications network that further comprises a number of entities that store at least part of a profile, the profile storage comprising a number of profiles and, for each profile, a list of entities that store the profile.

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